



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 19, 2005

### **S. 1291**

### **Pascua Yaqui Mineral Rights Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs  
on June 29, 2005*

S. 1291 would direct the Department of the Interior (DOI) to acquire all subsurface rights and interests to certain lands in Arizona by eminent domain. Once acquired, these interests would be put into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The tribe, which already owns the related surface estate, would reimburse the department for any transaction and appraisal costs.

Based on information provided by DOI and the state of Arizona and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that acquiring the affected property rights for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe would cost less than \$500,000 over the next year. We expect that reimbursement by the tribe for associated transaction costs would sum to a few thousand dollars; therefore, we estimate that enacting this legislation would have no significant effect on direct spending. Enacting S. 1291 would not affect revenues.

S. 1291 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The acquisitions authorized by the bill would be voluntary on the part of the tribe and the state of Arizona; any costs they would incur as a result of these acquisitions would be incurred voluntarily.

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